



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

The recent publicity over someone getting a DUI while reportedly involved in the unauthorized use of a county vehicle points out an even larger problem. There are approximately 27 county vehicles going home with county employees every night and weekend! This is not something new, it just gets bigger the longer it is out of the public eye. We have written about this, on both the county and the city level forever. . . probably dating back to before some of the present beneficiaries were even born, but it continues to recur. When the public realizes what is happening and begins to complain to the elected officials, the vehicles are parked at the offices at night. . . as they should be, until the spotlight goes away. Slowly but surely the practice starts anew and grows and grows until the spotlight swings back on the matter. The complaining from this corner will continue to make county employees mad because it is messing with their "right," but on the flip side, we know of none of them having a contract which says the taxpayers will furnish them transportation to and from work and those occasional self-declared "emergency personal stops" on the way home. While many just go home and back to work, it is not unusual to get reports of whole families being seen at the shopping mall on a taxpayer-owned vehicle. How many miles they roam the roads at night with switched tags, etc. is anyone's guess. It just can't be controlled. Folks, it is again time to demand the vehicles be parked and county employees do as the vast majority of other workers - and furnish their own transportation to work. . . or car pool with coworkers, as many Ft. Rucker folks have done for generations.

By the time you read this the Alabama legislature will have been in session a day or so (since Tuesday night). We know of no particularly pressing matter to be concerned about. . . unless you are a less-than-qualified school teacher. It seems that the Alabama government is trying a promised teacher pay raise to more accountability and a revised tenure law to speed up the firing of lazy, unqualified and/or unfit teachers. It is hard to see the many good educators in Alabama schools opposing this because the antics of the few bad apples reflect on and often hide the day-to-day successes of the entire staff.

We personally think the tenure law is blamed for bad teachers more than it deserves, but if revising it will help, then make the changes. Proper documentation of the facts does take time, but can be done, even under the present laws and guidelines. Conversely, our mouth falls open when the teacher(s) being terminated argue in court, and often successfully, that "you didn't give me the proper training" or words to that effect. We once thought that the teacher certification certificate meant the individual already knew how to do the job.

Gosh, we hope this debate over the tenure law will end the fact that the average teacher today is so much better prepared to teach than the teacher of 20, 40 or 60 years ago. We have watched these improvements steadily move through the school systems and are proud of them. True, there are still problems and probably always will be as long as humans remain human, but the great teachers continue to improve and at the same time pull the majority of the other teachers up with them.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE  
THIS SUNDAY

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 25, 2000, through January 31, 2000. They were: Benjamin McCray, Freddy Owens, Sara Jimmerson, Mary Hatcher, Katherine Williams, Althea Williams, Shirley Hudson, Miguel Garcia, William Gray III, Mary Parrish, Allen Belcher, Ollie Earl Hussey, Jessie Hornsby, Jeffrey Bennett, Claude Gulley, Carolyn Taylor, Sara Ann Barras, Nicholas Greer, John Phillips, Timothy Thiepen, Jessie Davis, Ray Nash, Shelia Armstrong, Karen Coleman, Willie C. Kilecave, Patrick Brooks, Johnny Spicer, and Tyrone Crawford.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Dallas Harbuck, Benjamin McCray, Beatrice Caldwell, Jeff Boutwell, Charles Beck, Mary Lou Smith, Dena Hudson, Bessie Ward, James Hudson, Lenora Burks, Althea Williams, Katherine Williams, Mary Parrish, Edmond Hutchinson, Freddy Owens, Sara Barras, Mary Hatcher, Claude Gulley, Sara Jimmerson, Jessie Davis, Johnnie Spicer, Karen Coleman, and Carolyn Taylor.

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## GUEST COLUMN

## The press will hang in there in the new millennium

by Rick Bragg  
I don't pretend to know a lot about the media, except that I am not one. I work with the press, for a newspaper, and I have always worked for newspapers, small ones and big ones and ones in between. The media is some confusing word that includes daytime television and info-tainment specials and tabloid TV caftights and Internet homepages that I could not follow if I had a bloodhound, a helicopter and a crystal ball. People don't trust or really understand the media. I hope they still trust newspapers. Understanding one isn't hard. The news

runs on the front page, last page and most pages in-between, excluding only the comics and the sofa ads and sometimes the sports page, but only if it's about soccer.  
I am not an expert on problems in the media, either. People smarter than me will have to hash that out. But it seems that, as much as we talk about it, it shouldn't take that long. We have been hitting ourselves in the head with a hammer for so long. I bet it'll feel pretty good when we stop.  
What I am, I guess, is a dinosaur. I just turned 40, but I am already obsolete. I learned my craft from

grizzled old editors (grizzled is my favorite cliché) who smoked and sometimes drank, who ate fried food and could cuss paint off a wall, unless they were Baptists, and a good many of them were. One, a sports editor, called me "Hoss," and I liked that a lot. At lunch we would eat fried chicken and then go to a putting green, because the news wasn't news unless we were there, and it would wait until he — in his long sideburns and horn-rimmed glasses — sank at least one 10-foot putt.  
I learned to write on an IBM Selectric, so you had to have your sentence structure more or less right the first time, or you were up that proverbial creek. I drove to cover football games in a 1973 Pontiac Firebird that ate transmissions, and once had to borrow \$5 from the managing editor of the Daily Home so I could make it home. Gas was high, then.  
I saw Bear Bryant, Richard Petty and George Wallace, and once I talked to Jimmy Dean ("Big Bad John" singer and sausage magnate) on the telephone. I wrote until my eyes would not focus, because of the joy of writing. If you've never done it, I can't explain it. It would be like trying to explain the taste of a Krispy Kreme donut to a skinny man, or the flavor of a Milo burger to a vegetarian.  
I did all that before I was 25, and I did it all for newspapers that didn't pay a damn thing, but they let me put my words in their pages, and I loved it.  
That does not have one thing to do with "the media." Come to think of it, our problems started about the time we started calling ourselves that.  
The media is talking heads trying to shout each other down on cable

television. It is partisan political experts debating Monica Lewinsky, and what sex is, which is about as intelligent as trying to guess which way a tick will roll off a hot rock. It is ungentlemanly and unseemly. Compare it to Ernie Pyle or Grantland Rice and it is like comparing the noise a skinned cat makes with the sound of a sad, sweet fiddle, drifting from the front porch of a mountaintop cabin.

No, I'm not in the media. I am a member of the press. The press does not push and shove to get a quote — unless we need it real bad. The press does not mind if its hair is out of place — although a frightening number of mid-level editors are going to health clubs and dressing very nattily these days (without ever realizing how silly they look, all ironed and everything). The press does not care about ratings, and — for those of us on the editorial side — not even circulation.

What the press does is tell stories. Sometimes they are important, and sometimes they are frivolous, and often we make mistakes. But it is what we care about.  
The story.  
The media gives you a close-up and a "forum to air your views." The press gives you a card to stick in your hat, and sends you out to talk to people.

The media is, almost certainly, the future.  
The press just hangs in there, like a rusty fishhook.

(Rick Bragg is the Miami-based correspondent for The New York Times. Bragg is a Nieman Fellow and has won a Pulitzer Prize for his story telling. He started his newspaper work at a small weekly and worked his way up from there.)

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 24, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one forgery, one criminal trespass, one menacing, one theft of property, one assault, one public intoxication, one possession of drug paraphernalia, and one illegal obtaining possession of a credit card.

The following arrests were made: three for possession of a forged instrument, one for harassing communication, one for assault, one for public intoxication, and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twelve for speeding, one for failure to restrain child, three for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for running a red light, one for an expired tag, and one for no tag.  
Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 24 - River stage - 5:22 (6:32 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to New Brockton (10:27 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 - River stage - 6:57 (6:04 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 - River stage - 6:32 (6:19 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Weeks' Tire (9:07 a.m.); Prowler reported at Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline Street (8:43 p.m.); Prowler reported at Marler's Trailer Park on Troy Highway (8:47 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Claxton Avenue (4:59 a.m.); River stage - 5:00 (6:13 a.m.); Burglary reported at Elba Church of God (9:58 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 - River stage - 5:38 (6:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to New Brockton (9:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 166 (2:16 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 189N near Co. Rd. 348 (2:34 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Elm Avenue (8:00 p.m.).

## BULLETIN BOARD

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- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 8:30 p.m. - Super Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 1-3 p.m. Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon- Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thurs. day at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - JHS Cafeteria
- ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH is First Thursday night - 7:00 pm of each month at the ZC Fire Department
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## Annsley Marye Padgett represents five generations in two families



There are many things in this world which make every individual special or unique in his or her own way. For Annsley Marye Padgett, the daughter of Kyle and Dana Padgett of Elba, one of these special characteristics is being the fifth generation child in her family. Annsley represents the fifth generation in both the Hudson and Capps families.  
In the photo to the left, five generations of the Hudson family are captured together in the photo to the right. By generation, they are: James Gordon Capps, great-great-grandfather; Nellie Capps Hudson, great-grandmother; Charlotte Hudson Anderson, grandmother; Dana Stinson Padgett, mother; and Annsley Marye Padgett.  
Five generations of the Capps family also are captured together in the photo to the right. By generation, they are: James Gordon Capps, great-great-grandfather; Nellie Capps Hudson, great-grandmother; Charlotte Hudson Anderson, grandmother; Dana Stinson Padgett, mother; and Annsley Marye Padgett.

## DORSEY

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pleased that John L. Pugh joined the company as Chief Executive Officer, during the fourth quarter. We are looking forward to the leadership skills and business knowledge that he will contribute to the company, and build upon the turnaround that has taken place over the past two years.

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## GTE

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## From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

## Active and retired military deserve better health care

The Pentagon has finally conceded that the military health care system is in dire need of reform. I'm proud of the work that Congress has done to address some of the flaws in military health care to date, but these efforts have only marginally improved benefits.

The expanded military benefits package endorsed by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff last week will hopefully be enacted as part of the new defense budget to be considered in the House and Senate this year.

The current "TRICARE" military managed care system is inadequate and is in major need of an overhaul. This fact is well known to the many thousands of active duty and retired military in Southeast Alabama.

For this reason, I support the reform of TRICARE. While final details are still to be decided upon, here is a look at some of the major changes proposed by the Pentagon to improve the effectiveness of military health care.

For the families of some 80,000 military personnel who live more than 50 miles from a military medical facility and are unable to participate in TRICARE Prime, coverage would be extended to them through TRICARE Prime Remote.

Beginning in 2002, benefits similar to TRICARE Prime Remote would also be extended to military retirees under age 65 who don't live near military medical treatment centers. Also of interest to retirees, TRICARE Senior Prime would be expanded from a test program currently located at ten sites to full operation nationwide. In locations where Senior Prime coverage is still not available, beneficiaries age 65 and older would have access to mail-order pharmacy benefits.

Retirees over 65 would also have access to government-sponsored Medicaid insurance to cover care not included through Medicare or TRICARE Senior Prime. This approach might include offering seniors the option of enrolling in care plans like the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan for federal civilian employees.

Further reforms include decreasing out-of-pocket costs for medical coverage. For example, TRICARE Prime co-payments of \$6 to \$12 a

doctor visit for service family members would be eliminated. Additionally, for retirees under age 65, TRICARE Prime's annual enrollment fee of \$230 a person and \$460 a family would be dropped. Instead, these retirees would have to elect to enroll in TRICARE Prime for two years at a time and would be barred from using TRICARE Standard. For those under age 65 retirees who choose to remain with TRICARE Standard, access to military hospitals would be limited to catastrophic and pharmacy care.

As a nation, we must do a better job of providing quality health care to our military families and retirees. It remains to be seen if any changes will be made to these key reforms to military health care.

Rest assured that I will continue to support efforts to increase access and coverage for our active duty and retired military and their families.

Two meetings important to peanut producers will be held Thursday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. in the community room at the Farm Center in New Brockton, Dallas Hartzog, Ron Weeks, Austin Hagan and John Everett will be speaking on peanut crop management.

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## AREA DEATHS

## DAN WALLACE TAYLOR

Mr. Dan Wallace Taylor, age 47, of Jacksonville, Fla. and formerly of Elba, died Jan. 26, 2000 at his home in Jacksonville after an apparent heart attack.

Dan was born May 25, 1952 in Coffee County. After graduating from high school, he continued on into college where he earned his degree to become a Certified Public Accountant. He served as vice president of Finance for BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama, was administrator for Vaughn Medical Center in Selma, Ala. and most recently was serving as executive director for BlueCross BlueShield of Florida.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29, 2000 from the El Bethel Assembly of God Church with Rev. Mack King officiating. Burial followed in the Old Tabernacle Cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Benita Hornsby Taylor, daughter, Mandy Taylor and son, Joshua Taylor, all of Jacksonville, Fla.; his mother, Lillian Taylor, Elba; and his sister, Nancy Taylor, Fort Worth, Texas.

Elba with Dr. Robert Paul officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Donna Beckum Ziglar, Troy; three daughters: Joyce Driggers, Birmingham; Lynn Adecock, Brantley; Carmeline Ziglar, Lantana, Fla.; two sons: Michael Ziglar, Tallahassee, Fla.; Spence Ziglar, Elba; one brother: Erskine Ziglar, Paxton, Fla.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## DANNY CAMPBELL

Mr. Danny Campbell, age 45, of 966 County Road 401, Elba, died Jan. 31, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 2000 in the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Homer Moore officiating. Burial followed in the Old Tabernacle Cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his father: J.T. Campbell, Elba; and three brothers: Earnest Campbell and Joseph Ray Campbell, both of Elba and John W. Campbell, Grady, Ala.

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Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details 897-2225

SPENCER OWEN ZIGLAR  
Mr. Spencer Owen Ziglar, age 64, of Brantley, Ala., died Jan. 25, 2000 at his residence.  
Mr. Ziglar was a life long resident of Elba and Coffee County and had served as mayor of Elba. Funeral and burial services were held at the Evergreen Cemetery in

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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight



Ben Purvis

by Natasha Bannin  
This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Ben Purvis. Ben is employed at EDCO Fasteners where his job duties include welding.

Ben is the 17-year-old son of Mitch and Joyce Purvis and is a senior at Elba High. He is a member of VICA and his future plans are to attend college.

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Jump In Jump Out & Introduce Yourself!



Emily Benbow

Elba High School has chosen Jeremy Paul Sasser as this week's student spotlight. Jeremy is the 16-year-old son of Dennis Paul Sasser and Dolores Moore Dixon. He is the oldest of four brothers and sisters ranging in age from 16 to six. Jeremy was born in Elba and raised several miles outside of Opp until the age of 10. He now lives in Elba. In his spare time, Jeremy enjoys fishing, camping and riding down dirt roads. After high school, Jeremy plans to obtain a degree in Veterinary Medicine.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Kimberly Ward  
Cammie Kelley

## TIGER BRIEFS

### Black History Month

by Stephanie Williams

Every year, February is set aside to pay tribute to all black martyrs. Those who taught many valuable lessons, and even gave their lives so that we would be able to enjoy all the freedoms we have today. We are very grateful for people like Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, George W. Carver, W.E.B. DuBois and many others. Last but certainly not least, let's not forget Martin Luther King Jr., the man who had a dream: a dream for a better America.

### Changing the Standards

by Cammie Kelley

On Jan. 14, the Alabama High School Graduate Exam standards were lowered. In 1999, the Graduation Exam was raised from an eighth grade level to eleventh grade level. Juniors are tested on English, Reading, Science and Mathematics. The new graduation exam was said to be a "train wreck." Now, the Juniors only have to complete the English and Reading portions of the test. The pass/fail rate for the test has not been established. The Juniors will take the exam for the second time in March. After this, the Juniors will know whether they passed or whether they will have to retake the test.

## Elba Elementary School Menu February 7 - 11, 2000

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Apple Crisp, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Rice, 1/2 Apple, Milk  
**Thursday** - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Mixed Fruit, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Cornbread, 1/2 Orange, Milk

## \*Meet Our Faculty\*

by Amy Kirkland  
This week's "Meet Our Faculty" focuses on Mrs. Margaret Calhoun. Mrs. Calhoun came to EHS after attending Auburn University where she majored in Social Sciences/Library Media and Educational Media. She is married to Terry Calhoun and has two children, Annanda and Trent. Mrs. Calhoun has been working at EHS for 29 years as a library media specialist and commented that she "started as a child." One of her duties, among many others, is helping with the Journalism staff's weekly television broadcast. When asked what

she likes most about EHS, she replied, "We're small enough to offer a caring environment. We have great students and teachers. EHS is very proud to have Mrs. Calhoun as a part of our school."



Margaret Calhoun

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## EHS Announces Top Ten Students

by Kimberly Ward

Elba High School's best of the class have been announced. The grades have been calculated and the results are in. The top ten students of Elba High deserve special recognition and praise for their good work throughout their high school years. Congratulations to all!



Shanna Tillis



Emilee Benbow



Melissa Grantham



Raeann McCollough



Leslie Stinson



Vaughan Boyd



Natasha Bannin



Linda Gideon



Monique Ordon



Kimberly Ward

CONGRATULATIONS!!

## ESJC HAPPENINGS

**FREE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** are offered in basic reading, writing, math, and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring a session to the Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, on Mondays from 9 a.m.-noon and New Brockton High School, Room 12, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. Enrollment is open at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to find out more about these special FREE classes!

**FREE CLASSES IN ENGLISH** at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, for those who do not speak, read, or write the language, are offered at Enterprise State Junior College on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. These classes are offered through ESJC and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network. To find out more call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

**USING THE MICROCOMPUTER - LEVEL I** will be offered in a second session this spring semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing software package. A 3 1/2" disk should be brought to the first class. The course is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, Feb. 21-29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is Feb. 14. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

**HOW TO USE THE INTERNET** is a special interest course being offered in the first of two sessions at Enterprise State Junior College this spring semester. This course will provide some quick tips on how to surf the World Wide Web. It is designed for students who have had NO experience using the Internet. The course is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There is a \$25 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Feb. 21.

**GED TEST OF HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY** is administered at Enterprise State Junior College every Tuesday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. FREE classes to assist students in preparing for the exam are available at the ESJC main campus, the Ft. Rucker campus, as well as other sites in Coffee and Dale Counties. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

# SCHOOLS

## Junior Class Officers Elected

by Kayla Eddins

The 2000 Junior Class Officers were elected Jan. 21. Several students ran for each office. In order to run for an office, the student must have sold his/her quota during the magazine sale or had to pay the difference in the quota of what he/she actually sold. The magazine sale was a fundraiser for the Junior Class to raise money for the prom. The quota for each person was \$175 or fifteen magazines. David Eddins was elected as the Junior Class President. Adam Blake was elected as vice-president and Heather Arnold was elected as secretary. Marcus Taylor was elected as Junior Class Treasurer.

## Reflections Of The 8th Grade

According to the dictionary, one meaning of reflection is the production of an image by or as if by a mirror. The members of the eighth grade math classes, instructed by Mrs. Lori McCrory, have made reflections using their names or their nicknames. They used a sheet of white paper folded in half and wrote the name on one side. With the paper still folded, they then put that side up to the pane in a window and traced the name on the other side. The reflections were colored using crayons and markers and were hung on the wall.

The fold in the paper represents the line of symmetry for the reflection. This activity reinforced the students' understanding of the concepts of line symmetry and reflections.

BE CAREFUL!

## ZC Elementary Writer Of The Month

Aaron McClelland has been selected the elementary writer of the month for January. He was chosen on the basis of a paragraph he had written called, "Christmas at my house."

The writing contest for third, fourth and fifth graders has been started by a committee of elementary teachers chaired by Mrs. Beverly Liptrot. The purpose of the contest is to motivate students to enhance their writing skills and for getting prepared for the required writing assessment test that will be given in the spring.

Aaron's paragraph, which is posted on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the elementary school, is printed below.

### CHRISTMAS AT MY HOUSE

Christmas at my house was exciting. When I woke up, my heart was filled with joy when I saw all of those presents. The problem was, it was 5 A.M. in the morning and no one was up. I stayed up till 7 A.M. and still no one was up. So, I went back in my room and fell



asleep. Everybody woke up and tried to wake me up. I had a great Christmas! Everybody in my family was there. Here are some of the things I got for Christmas that I use

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## Middle School SGA Is 3 Years Old



Pictured above (l-r) are: 1st row - Byron McWaters and T. J. Winters; 2nd row - Abe Childs, D. J. Stinson, Jeremy Sanders, and Austin Smith; 3rd row - Lindsey Leverette, Heather Sanders, and Rosanna Johnson; 4th row - Haley Wambles, Nicole Brown, Kenna Roberts, Shannon Allen, and Keri Hobbs.

Activity has been at a high level for the members of the Middle School Student Government Association during the three years of the organization's existence.

Any money the SGA raises goes toward financing improvements in the Middle School. Over the past three years \$3,000 has been raised. Major purchases include lockers, a bell system, picnic tables for the break area, and two 30" televisions. The SGA has also sponsored the annual Middle School Spring Dance.

Plans for this year include the purchase of more picnic tables for the break area and a sign for the Middle School Building. The sign will proclaim the name of the building, as well as a motivational slogan selected by the SGA. The slogan that has been selected is "Students today—leaders tomorrow." The spring dance will be held toward the end of February.

The officers and members of the Middle School SGA are: President Shannon Allen, Vice President Jeremy Sanders, Reporter T. J. Winters, Secretary Heather Sanders, and Representatives Byron McWaters, Rosanna Johnson, Haley Wambles, Abe Childs, Lindsey Leverette, D. J. Stinson, Kenna Roberts, Austin Smith and Nicole Brown.

## Coffee County Schools Menu February 7 - 11, 2000

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
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**Wednesday** - Biscuit, Sausage Link, Syrup or Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Donut w/ Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Patty Sandwich, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Burrito, Chicken Nuggets, Veggie Sticks w/ Dip, Green Beans, Peanut Butter Cracker, Fruit, Rolls, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Chili w/ Beans, Hot Dog, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Dill Spears, Cole Slaw, Breaded Squash, Fruit, Crackers, Milk  
**Thursday** - CornDog, Chicken Salad, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Hash Brown Potato, Fruit, Rice Krispie Treat, Crackers, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheeseburger, Ham Sandwich, Baked Beans, Onion Rings, Fruit, Pickles, Tomato, Lettuce, Milk

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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie will turn eleven on Friday, and she will celebrate the occasion with a spend-the-night party on Friday night and a birthday party on Saturday night. She agreed after a conversation with Mom and Dad to limit the number of girls spending the night, but did get to fill out her own invitation list for the Saturday night party. She likes opening presents, but loves being with her friends even more, and we hope this year's birthday will be special for this very special little lady. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

## SPECIAL THROUGH THE NOTES....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers upped their record to 17-4 last week with two big wins over Opp and Enterprise, and despite a killer schedule for the remainder of the season, the Tigers should be primed and ready when the area tournament swings into action next weekend. The Tigers made it look easy in their win over 5A Opp, then followed it up with their third win of the season over the 6A Enterprise Wildcats. The win over the lowly Bobcats wasn't anything to brag about; however, the win over the Wildcats was quite a show as Elba fell behind early and then rallied to blow out their cross-county rivals. The win over Enterprise was also unique in that the senior trio of Tim Ware, Monroe Williams and Wayne Reed combined to score 78 of the Tigers' 86 points, led by Ware's 35 points and Williams' 24 point outburst. Elba will close out the regular season with games against Goshen, New Brockton and Brantley, three of state's top teams in their respective classes, and while the games will be highly contested and tough to win, the stiff competition will be just what the Tigers need as they get ready for the post-season party. The Tigers want to be battle tested heading into the area tournament, and should be rugged and ready after closing the season against the best teams in this part of the state.

\*\*\* While on the subject of the area tournament, Elba officials and coaches were disappointed last week to find out that the tournament had been awarded to Clayton. The tie-breaker in the area was the number of wins against teams in your class, or above, and after disallowing the Tigers' wins over Enterprise and T.R. Miller, due to the wins coming in tournaments, Clayton slipped in and earned the right to host the event. The fact that Clayton's gym has bleachers on only one side, and the fact that the gym has been the site of repeated unsportsmanlike conduct in recent years obviously meant nothing to the AHSAA. I am sure that officials at both Elba and Slocomb would have been more than happy to help finance the tournament at a neutral site, such as Enterprise State Junior College, rather than to subject their student athletes and fans to the threat of unsportsmanlike acts up in Clayton. I urge the Elba Police Department to send more than one policeman to the tournament each night Elba plays to help protect its citizens, and also urge school officials to ask the Alabama High School Athletic Association to send a representative to the games to view first hand what might happen. I hope nothing happens except a basketball game between two of the state's best high school teams, but at the same time everyone knows that when Elba and Clayton play in any sport there is bad blood, and there is a risk of something happening on, and off the field of competition.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers continued their late-season surge last week with wins over Enterprise and Florala, and now appear to have a solid shot at making it past the area tournament and into sub-region play. The win over Enterprise was the first ever by the Lady Tigers over their 6A neighbors, while the win over Florala avenged an early-season loss and helped the girls move toward a winning season. Elba has posted a 4-5 record since the first of the year, and in the past three weeks has beaten such teams as Slocomb, Clayton, Goshen and Enterprise. The Lady Tigers have to play their best for four quarters to win, no matter the level of competition, and in recent weeks the girls have been doing just that. The win last week over Enterprise sent a message to every team on the Lady Tigers' schedule that they are a team on the rise!

\*\*\* The girls will play their area tournament over in Slocomb, and the Lady Tigers will open the event against Clayton, a team that Elba lost last Friday night. The home court advantage will help, however, the Gamecocks will have to be at their best to post two wins. The Lady Gamecocks will travel to Red Level for their tournament and will have their work cut out for them as they will face Straughn in the opening round and possibly Red Level in the final. The Lady Gamecocks can beat Straughn if they play well, but Red Level is very tough, especially at home, and would give the Brock... girls a real test.

Kinston will be on the road to Hartford for its tourney action and must go up against #2 Geneva County in the opening round. The Bulldogs have found the wins hard to come by all season, and will have to dig deep to find one in the tournament. The Lady Bulldogs have also struggled throughout the season, and appear to also be facing an opening round clash with Geneva County. Unless something unexpected happens, it will be time to let the air of the basketballs down in Kinston pretty soon.

Zion Chapel has also seen its basketball fortunes take a dip late in the season, and since the Rebels are in the same area with Florala, G.W. Long and Houston Academy, it doesn't look good for the guys from Jack. The Rebels could pull off an upset and advance to sub-region play, but it would be an upset of mammoth proportion, and just doesn't seem likely. The Lady Rebels are also facing a very tough area tourney, and like the boys, appear on the verge of changing sports.

Brantley will be on the road down to Pleasant Home for its area action, and while the Bulldogs are always a threat to win, this year they will have to play well to even make it out of the tourney. The Bulldogs have suffered home losses to area foes Pleasant Home and J.U. Blacksher, and will have to play well on the road to keep their season alive. One positive is the fact that Brantley did defeat Pleasant Home on the Eagles' home court just two weeks ago. The Lady Bulldogs will host their area foes, and should have a solid chance at making it to sub-region play. Brantley has a group of very talented athletes and can hold their own with anybody. Look for both Brantley teams to get out of the area and be playing on into February.

\*\*\* The high school basketball season still has a couple of weeks of action left, but that doesn't mean it is the only show in town, because also time for the girls to start hitting the softball, and the area schools will start their junior varsity seasons within the next three weeks. The varsity teams will swing into action in March, while the boys baseball teams are also at work, and getting ready to start taking their cuts. The action is non-stop for many high school athletes, and very soon the prep sports scene will get even busier than usual.

\*\*\* In closing... I officiate high school basketball, and while I will admit the money isn't bad, I do it because it is good exercise and I enjoy the teams, the coaches and the fans at the various schools that I get to visit. Last Friday night I was in Straughn for the cross-county clash between Straughn and Pleasant Home, and was involved in two games that went into overtime. The girls game had one extra period, while the boys game went into four overtimes before Pleasant Home pulled out the win. Having a total of five overtimes in two games certainly gave the fans in the gym their money's worth, but it didn't do much for my feet. Oh well, it was fun to be a part of! Oh yeah...when a game goes through four quarters and four overtimes, you can bet that the fans, coaches and players from both teams are all as tired as the refs!

## New Brockton and Brantley remain in poll

## Elba Tigers are ranked sixth in latest state high school basketball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly "High School Basketball" rankings for all six classes in both boys and girls divisions, and included in this week's poll are the Elba Tigers (6th in 3A), New Brockton Gamecocks (6th in 2A) and the Brantley Bulldogs (4th in 1A).

Following are the complete "Top 10" in all classes and divisions:

## BOYS DIVISION

CLASS 6A - 1. LeFlore (20-2), 2. Central Tuscaloosa (18-1), 3. Lee Huntsville (21-3), 4. Sidney Lanier (18-2), 5. Davidson (17-4), 6. Butler (14-4), 7. Woodlawn (23-5), 8. Jeff Davis (17-6), 9. Auburn (18-5), 10. Sparkman (17-6).  
CLASS 5A - 1. Blount (22-0), 2. Fort Payne (25-0), 3. John Carroll Catholic (18-4), 4. Monroe County (22-1), 5. Gardendale (21-2), 6. Shelby County (20-1), 7. Wilcox Central (19-3), 8. Anniston (22-5), 9. Eufaula (18-6), 10. B.C. Rain (16-5) and Russellville (19-3).

CLASS 4A - 1. Sumter County (18-2), 2. Central Coosa (18-2), 3. Winfield (21-2), 4. Abbeville (17-5), 5. Corner (19-4), 6. Alexandria (14-3), 7. Childersburg (15-6), 8. Saint Paul (20-4), 9. Lawrence County (18-2), 2. Central Coosa (18-2), 3. Winfield (21-2), 4. Abbeville (17-5), 5. Corner (19-4), 6. Alexandria (14-3), 7. Childersburg (15-6), 8. Saint Paul (20-4), 9. Lawrence County (18-2).

## Celtics and Cavs roll along in youth basketball action

The Elba Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, continued its season last week in all six age divisions.

Following are results of last week's action:

## 10 AND UNDER GIRLS

## \*\*\* ROCKERS 11 MYSTICS 10

The Rockers pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Mystics 11-10. The Rockers jumped out to an 8-0 halftime advantage, but had to turn back a late rally from the Mystics to claim the win. Scoring for the Rockers were Brittany Caldwell 4, Kayla Kysar 2, Megan Anderson 2, Barbie Mitchell 2 and Brandy Campbell 2. Scoring for the Mystics were Kristen Parker 4, Yousheia Terry 2, Whitney Sasser 2 and Ashley Carpenter 2.

\*\*\* OPP 15 MYSTICS 8 - Opp pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Mystics 15-8. The Mystics trailed only 7-6 after three quarters, but saw Opp pull away late and claim the win. Scoring for Opp were Audrianna Schofield 7, Adrienne Ellison 4, Kasi Cravey 2 and Ashley Anderson 2. Scoring for the Mystics were Whitney Sasser 4, Chessie Cross 2 and Kristen Parker 2.

## 8 AND UNDER GIRLS

## \*\*\* MIRACLE 6 LIBERTY 4

The Miracles scored all their points in the second quarter and then held on to edge the Liberty 6-4. The Miracles scored six points in the second stanza to take a 6-2 lead, and held on late to escape with the win. Scoring for the Miracles were Brianna Rogers 2, Richreana Singletary 2 and Aspen Foushee 2.

## 8 AND UNDER BOYS

## \*\*\* HEAT 12 PACERS 6

The Heat pulled away in the second half to down the Pacers 12-6. The Heat led only 4-3 at the half, but pulled away late to claim the win. Scoring for the Heat were Richard Thomas 5, Marcus Caldwell 4 and Devonta Tillis 3. Scoring for the Pacers were Drew Ellis 4 and Griffin Hawk 2.

## \*\*\* CELTICS 28 HAWKS 2

The Celtics led all the way to defeat the Hawks 28-2. The Celtics jumped

## Turkey calling contest set for Feb. 15 in Linden

Professional turkey callers will clock, cackle, yelp, cut and gobble for a \$500 first prize in Linden at the Alabama Turkey Hunters Hall of Fame's 14th annual "Turkey Calling Contest" on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Thousands of dollars in cash and prizes will be awarded during the evening, with Eddie Salter, of Evergreen, to emcee the event. Salter admits that he spent more time in

his youth chasing turkeys than he did chasing girls, and is now world famous for his TV shows about the outdoors and turkey hunting.

Professional callers will be competing for \$500 in first place money, with \$100 for second, and a plaque for third place. In addition to cash prizes, handsome trophies will be presented to the winners.

The hunter division is open to all who have never won in the professional division. The junior division is for hunters ages 16 and younger, while the owling division is a free-for-all with no limits.

Enthusiasm for the annual event has drawn hunters and callers from as far away as Dallas, Atlanta and Memphis, and everyone who travels to Linden finds out that it is easy to locate the Marengo Academy coliseum, where close to 1,000 people will witness Salter and the contestants demonstrate the tree call, the fly-down cackle, the assembly call, gobbles, kee-kee run and other old favorites.

Doors will open at 4:00 PM, with the contest to start at 6:30, in the junior division. Door prizes will be another big attraction, with area merchants and wholesalers offering a wide array of prizes that will include savings bonds, turkey callers, sacks of yellow corn and a 12 gauge 3 1/2 inch magnum Uti turkey shotgun.

One lucky bidder will also have the opportunity to buy one of the last custom framed lithographs of a wild turkey from an original oil painting by William Harris, of Possum Bend. Callers and spectators who want more information may call 334-295-4151. After hours calls should be made to 334-295-5015.

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CLASS 3A - 1. Francis Marion (16-6), 2. Washington County (16-3), 3. Crossville (20-4), 4. Springville (18-3), 5. Lincoln (10-0), 6. Elba (16-4), 7. Goshen (15-4), 8. Danville (17-6), 9. New Hope (14-6), 10. Clayton (12-9).

CLASS 2A - 1. Tanner (19-4), 2. Geneva County (13-2), 3. Mars Hill Bible (17-3), 4. Lineville (15-3), 5. Belgreen (18-4), 6. New Brockton (17-5), 7. Section (13-3), 8. Calera (16-7), 9. Montgomery County (16-7), 10. Gaston (17-6).

CLASS 1A - 1. Courtland (18-3), 2. Saint Jude (16-5), 3. Pleasant Home (18-3), 4. Brantley (11-4), 5. Houston Academy (17-4), 6. Collinsville (19-3), 7. Decatur Heritage (23-4), 8. Saint Bernard (19-4), 9. Carrollton (13-4), 10. Akron (12-7).

GIRLS DIVISION

CLASS 6A - 1. Decatur (25-0), 2. Hoover (20-1), 3. Huffman (21-3), 4. Butler (20-3), 5. Oxford (18-0), 6. Wenonah (20-4), 7. LeFlore (21-2), 8. Vestavia Hills (19-3), 9. Dothan (13-2), 10. Baldwin County (20-5).

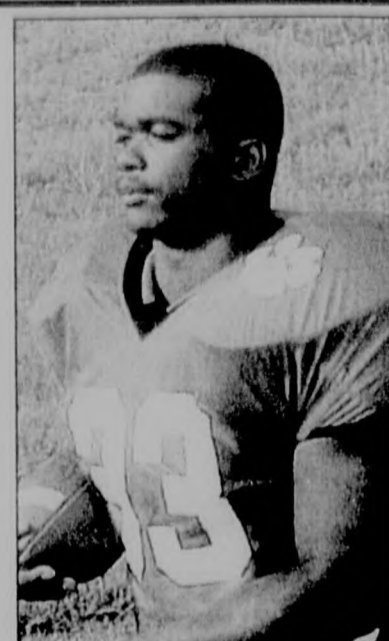
CLASS 5A - 1. Fairfield (26-0), 2. Andalusia (19-2), 3. Boaz (21-1), 4. Hazel Green (22-4), 5. B.T. Washington (18-2), 6. Hartselle (18-4), 7. Erwin (20-1), 8. Athens (19-8), 9. B.C. Rain (17-6), 10. Escambia County (18-6).

CLASS 4A - 1. Lawrence County (17-3), 2. Doshier (21-3), 3. Saint Paul (18-5), 4. Guntersville (17-5), 5. Geneva (16-4), 6. Hokes Bluff (15-4), 7. Cherokee County (18-5), 8. Headland (18-5), 9. West Point (18-7), 10. Pike County (13-2).

CLASS 3A - 1. R.C. Hatch (20-0), 2. UMS Wright (27-1), 3. Calhoun (20-2), 4. Lauderdale County (23-2), 5. Sulligent (22-4), 6. Ashville (15-1), 7. Montgomery Academy (16-4), 8. DAR (15-4), 9. Lexington (17-6), 10. McIntosh (18-2).

CLASS 2A - 1. Cold Springs (20-2), 2. Hoover (20-1), 3. Huffman (21-3), 2. Red Bay (16-2), 3. Pyffle (22-3), 4. Tanner (20-5), 5. Lineville (14-1), 6. Marion County (18-5), 7. Belgreen (15-5), 8. Mars Hill Bible (16-5), 9. Hazlewood (15-7), 10. Antion (17-4).

CLASS 1A - 1. Autaugaville (15-2), 2. Spring Garden (22-2), 3. Carrollton (20-5), 4. Sunshine (15-4), 5. Loachapoka (14-1), 6. Speake (18-3), 7. Saint Bernard (17-4), 8. G.W. Long (15-5), 9. Nottoway (10-2), 10. Westminster (12-6).



Elba's Peterson is named to '99 GSC All-Academic team

University of West Alabama football players Cliff Cobb and D'Undra Peterson, women's volleyball player Regan Adams, and men's cross country runner Monteds Tinsley have been named to the Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team for the 1999 fall semester.

Peterson, a junior fullback, carried a 3.39 GPA in Psychology while gaining 277 total yards in 10 games for the Tigers. Peterson is a graduate of Elba High School.

## Wiregrass home run derby set for Feb. 12 in Dothan

The sixth annual "Wiregrass Home Run Derby" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Westgate Park, hosted by the Dothan Department of Leisure Services.

The annual event will attract 50 wiregrass high school sluggers, with special guests to include Mike Mordecai, of the Montreal Expos, and Herbert Perry, of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Tickets will be available the day of the event at the gate, with an autograph signing from 3:00 until 4:00, and the home run derby finals from 4:30 until 6:00.

The "Home Run Derby" schedule will find the hitters registering at 12:30, with batting practice at 1:00. The preliminary round will take place at 1:45, with the second round at 3:00, the third round at 3:30, the fourth round at 4:00, and the main event and hitting exhibition by the major league players at 4:30.

All participating hitters must wear complete baseball uniform.

Former winners include Northview's Shawn McCormick (1995 and 1996), Enterprise's David Hussey (1997), G.W. Long's Drew Miller (1998) and Houston Academy's Jonathan Adams (1999).

For more information contact event organizer Larry Tubbs at 334-673-9353.

HEATH PARKER killed this 200-pound, 5-point, buck while hunting recently with the Cow Branch Hunting Club.

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The officers in Mrs. Tracie Johnson's class at Elba Elementary School are: (left to right) Christina Bryan, vice president; Brianna Bailey, president; Whitney Kileore, secretary; Anna Petty, song leader; Brian Blair, reporter; Bernard Blackmon, song leader.



The officers in Mrs. Kim Gibson's class at Elba Elementary School are: (left to right) Haley Stinson, president; Adam Henderson, vice president; Brad Sullivan, song leader; Ryan McCollough, secretary; Amber Farmer, song leader; Hannah Manning, reporter.

## Zion Chapel Elementary School Honor Rolls Second Nine Weeks

Zion Chapel Elementary School is proud to announce its Honor Roll for the 2nd nine weeks. The following students were honored with a special program of entertainment from the Zion Dancing School, Sarah Maddox (pianist) and Lauren Moore (soloist).

**1st Grade**  
Shelby Boswell, Hillary Davis, Paige Gibson, Kayla Hurd, James Jones, Derrick Sanders, Ashley Montana

**2nd Grade**  
Weston Brown, Dillon Davis, Hillary Davis, Hayden Gibson, Tanner Grant, Justin Hammond, Nicole Holloway, Marilana Hoof, Tara

**3rd Grade**  
Lindsey Ampong, Kirsten Collins, Chelsey Freeman, Caitlin Grissett, Kelly Hatcher, Diew Little, Ronnie McBride, Amber Powell, Sierra Senn, Ciana Smith, Kyle Tankersley, Leana Vinson, Justin Winters

**4th Grade**  
Cassandra Cole, Brittany Dismukes, Jon Fuller, Tracy Hagan, Sheena Hussey, Leo Johnson, John Wayne Lambert, Brittany Layton, Brittany Liptrot, Gage Nalley, Rod Rider, Jonas Simmons

**5th Grade**  
Nathan Calhoun, Matthew Williams

**"A" Honor Roll**

Howe, Heather McCollough, Nicole Napper, Landon Peters, Josh Richards, Dillon Roberts, Garrett Stinson, Kayla Tracy, Lance Walden, Joey White

**6th Grade**  
Sarah Allen, Kayla Bagwell, Will Bedsole, Kelli Behrens, Logan Berry, Wesley Black, Brett Cardwell, Kendra Culver, Erin Dismukes, Michele Downing, Jonathan Edwards, Hayden Ellis, Marli Falls, Taylor Faulkner, Brandon Grant, Camden Kelley, Brandon Liptrot, Shelby Maxie, Chris McDonald, Justin McWaters, Lydia Mills, Amelia Petty, Kayla Pope, Brandy Quattlebaum, Shalandra Rudolph, Alexis Senn, Blake Simmons, Tony Stinson, Darnesia Tillis, Blake Walden

**7th Grade**  
Candice Allen, Brittany Cardwell, Logan Carmley, Jessi Carroll, Courtney Grant, Blake Little, Luke Peters, Brooke Stinson, Rebecca Thompson, Caitlin White, Harry White

**8th Grade**  
Todd Grant, Keagan Hussey, Erica Lewis, Tiffany Liptrot, Audrianna Mills, Buddy Parker, Devanna Parker, Ethan Price, Jennifer Taylor, Lloyd White

**"B" Honor Roll**  
Shane Barnhill, Akeem Flowers, Makiya Hodge, Ashley Quattle-

## Salute!

### TSUD names local honor students

John Herrin Lindsey of Elba, Cathy Ann White of Jack and Sherri Ruth Nobles of Kinston were among the students at Troy State University, Dothan to be named to the Dean's List for the 1999 Fall Semester. Undergraduate students receiving this honor must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.66 on the University's 4.0 scale for 12 or more credit hours.

Connie Marie Macon and Kenya Tanyah Martin, both of Elba, were among those students being named to the President's List for the same semester.

To qualify for this academic honor, an undergraduate student must receive a grade point average of 4.0 on a minimum of 12 hours.

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# AREA NEWS

## LEGAL NOTICE



MACARTHUR STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE announces the Fall Semester 1999 graduates of the Licensed Practical Nursing Program. Geneva and Coffee County graduates are from left to right: Cynthia Smith Peacock, Carolyn Jones, Sarah Miller, Melissa Gammons, Betty Wesley Booth, Patricia Carter Reid, Carolyn Gelinski, Terry Lynn Winters, Susan Kilpatrick and Tammy Liddon Bess.

## NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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**"A" HONOR ROLL**

**7TH GRADE**  
Rheana Deaderick, Matthew Everhart, Sonya Hornsby, Brett Parrish

**8TH GRADE**  
Heather Carroll, Layton Griffin, Andrew Hardman, Tiffany Harrison, Jessica Oghum

**9TH GRADE**  
Connie Brown, Rena Donaldson, Wendy Headin, Jody McCormick, Melanie McGlothlen, Delora Moore, Katy Roberts, Joseph Sawyer

**10TH GRADE**  
Lauren Allums, Kendra Cole, Jenna Donaldson, Veronica Hernandez, Jeffery Rogers, Tabatha Walden, Jeremy Windham

**11TH GRADE**  
Jeffrey Campbell, Kelly Hilyer, Jimmy Layton, Jessica Parrish

**12TH GRADE**  
Stephanie Jones, Glen Kelley, Renta Lawson, Rysheik Magwood, Breanna McKenzie, Dusty Medley, Brandy Mitchell, Amanda Moore, Sean Roehrer, Travis Slawson, Christy Spivey, Wade Turner, Eric Williams, Haley Wise

**"A-B" HONOR ROLL**

**7TH GRADE**  
David Anderson, Megan Cauley, Matthew Creech, Deanna Donaldson, Drew Donaldson, Nicole Estes, Matthew Hataway, Wesley McCormick, Tanner Medley, Colette Newsom, Amber Oghum, Whitney Rachel, Ashley Williams

**8TH GRADE**  
Thomas Adkinson, Ryan Allums, Jerod Bell, Bryan Carpenter, Kyle Cheesborough, Jason Emond, Amanda Estrada, Paige Grizzard, Chelsey Hollis, Megan Holloway, Alicia Howell, Britanni Jones, Misty Moore, Brandon Pynes, Tyler Simmons

**9TH GRADE**  
Vicki Baxley, Bettie Brust, Casey Carmichael, Randy Danford, Candace Dunn, LeShanda Flowers, Kelly Green, Daniel Hernandez, Nikki Crenshaw, Leann Griffin, Roni Knight, Courtney Menzel, Samantha Mitchell, Amber Moates, Michael Richardson, Nicole Smith, Jessica Spivey, Cody Walker, Andrew Windham, Mandy Yohn

## The National Security Group, Inc. declares cash dividend

The board of directors of The National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$2.1 per share at its meeting on Jan. 22. This represents an annual increased dividend rate of \$8.4 per share. This cash dividend is payable on Feb. 28 to shareholders of record Feb. 5, 2000.

## 2000 Wiregrass Cotton Expo planned for February 12th

The 2000 Wiregrass Cotton Expo will be Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Alabama Civic Center in Ozark, starting with registration at 8 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m. There will be a sponsored dinner, door prizes and cotton exhibits.

## Springtime Gourd's Class scheduled at ESJC for spring semester

Springtime Gourd's is a special interest class to be held at Enterprise State Junior College this spring semester. The class is designed for beginners and experienced painters, and three springtime projects (including a birdhouse and a bowl) will be completed. Gourd's that are ready to paint must be purchased at the first class for \$10-\$15 each. Participants may bring their own paints and brushes and should bring them to the first class. Otherwise, supplies may be purchased for \$30-\$50. A minimum age limit of 12 is set. There is a \$30 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Feb. 29. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, March 7-April 18 (excluding March 28), 6-9 p.m. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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# Community News

## Surveys being conducted to find solutions for water supply problems in Wiregrass and south Alabama

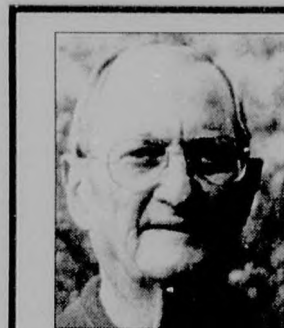
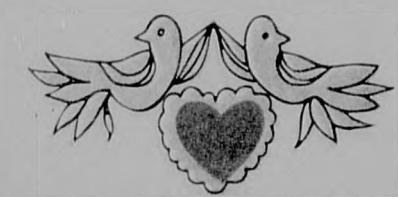
The Geological Survey of Alabama, working with the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority, is conducting surveys to find a solution to water supply problems in the Wiregrass area of south Alabama. Several major cities in the Wiregrass area have begun to experience water supply problems in recent years, scientists and planners fear that these problems will only worsen as population and industrial growth in the area place increasing demands on existing water supplies. Geological Survey scientists are currently working in the final year of a three-year project designed to establish a comprehensive, watershed-wide hydrologic and biologic database for both surface and subsurface water resources in the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers watersheds. "These data will provide a scientific basis for developing, managing and protecting the area's water resources," stated geological Survey hydrogeologist and project manager Marlon Cook. What makes this project so unique is the potential usability of the results and the cooperation

which has been displayed by state, county and municipal government entities in parts of the ten south-eastern counties working together to complete this important work. Data on subsurface water, surface water and biologic communities will be collected for the study. Dr. Charles Smith, geological Survey geologist says the subsurface water phase of the investigation will: (a) identify and characterize aquifers currently in use (b) identify the source and recharge area of individual aquifers (c) aid in the assessment of the potential for aquifer contamination where aquifers are at or near the surface (d) aid in assessing the effect that continued development of water resources in one community will have on water resources in other communities and (e) identify and evaluate deeper aquifers that are currently untapped. The surface water assessment will help determine whether five streams selected by local agencies can be used as future or alternate water sources. These streams include Blackwood Creek in Dale and Henry Counties, Double

Bridges Creek and Little Double Bridges Creek in Coffee County, Little Choctawhatchee River in Dale and Houston counties and Walnut Creek in Pike County. More than 40 water-quality parameters were measured for each sample collected from the streams. Of primary concern are stream discharge, sediment load, nutrient load, bacteria counts and dissolved oxygen. Evaluation of biological communities in the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow River watershed also is a critical component to the overall water resource assessment. Dr. Patrick O'Neil, Geological Survey biologist, believes that "the condition of benthic macroinvertebrates and fish communities are important gauges of stream conditions within the watershed" the biological assessment will also provide a window into the current status of threatened and endangered fishes and mussels in the watershed. Results of the study, which is scheduled for completion in October, 2000 will be distributed to local governments and water systems throughout the project area.

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## THE LOWDOWN ON HOME GARDENING

With Bernie Cobb  
Gardening Columnist



Bernie Cobb

## The Lowdown on cabbage

Gardening Columnist, Bernie Cobb, harvests the last few fresh heads of cabbage from his fall planting. "Most mature cabbage, especially during the colder months, is free of insects and can remain in the garden for two or three weeks without going bad," Cobb says. "I did have a little dam-

age on top of some heads from recent freezes but I just cut that away and still had some good eating left. Cabbage can survive cold weather pretty well here in Alabama." In this one patch, Cobb also has onions, garlic and radishes growing. (Photo by Bernie Cobb.)

## Free adult classes being offered at ESJC

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math, and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring a session to the Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, on Mondays from 9 a.m.-Noon. Enrollment is open at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to find out more about these special FREE classes!

## NOTICE

A "Recovery Fund" has been set up at SouthTrust Bank in Elba to collect funds for William Maddux, a native of Elba, who was severely injured in an automobile accident in North Alabama recently. His medical bills are high and rehabilitation is expected to be long and expensive. William's brother, Sgt. Rick Maddux, is overseeing the recovery fund. Those interested in making a donation can do so at SouthTrust Bank under the William Maddux Recovery Fund - Account No. 50 524 842.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information should contact Sgt. Rick Maddux at the ELMENDORF AFB, Alaska Telephone (907) 753-2268.

William is the son of James Maddux of Elba.

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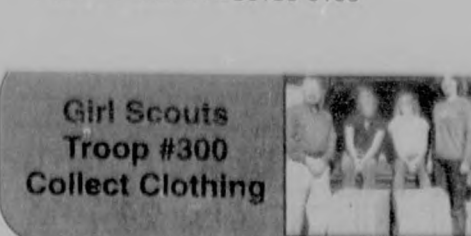
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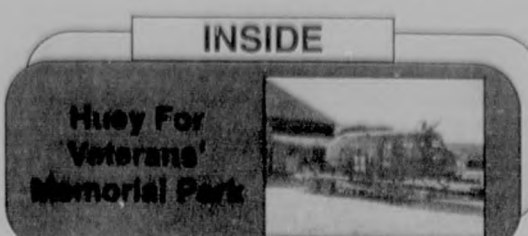
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## COUNCIL SIGNS EMS CONTRACT

### New Brockton okays council pay hike

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council took just under thirty minutes to conduct the town's business Monday evening; however, they had to adjourn the meeting until 6 p.m. Tuesday evening in order to take care of a pressing matter - a pay hike for the next town council members.

On the meeting agenda under new business was an ordinance setting the pay scale for the new council which will be elected this year. For the pay raise to become effective in October 2000, it has to be passed by February 22, 2000, and it has to be by a unanimous vote of the council. Councilman Charles Cole was unable to attend Monday's meeting making it necessary to adjourn until Tuesday.

The new ordinance sets the mayor's compensation at \$200 per month and the councilmember's compensation at \$100 per month. There was no doubt that the ordinance would be passed.

Turning to other matters that could be handled, the council approved the appointment of Nathan Drewey to serve on the water board. He will be replacing Billy Tindol who asked not to be reappointed "because he had some other items to pursue."

Other appointments approved were as follows: Earnestine McMonagle was reappointed to her position on the housing authority; Dorothy Flowers and Doug Smith were reappointed to the board of adjustments; and Barbara Cole was

reappointed to the parks and recreation board.

Mayor Britt Lee told council members that auditors (Barry Brunson, Wilkerson & Bowden, PC) reported no problems with the town's accounting procedures this year.

"He said our town was in good condition for the condition of the town," Lee said. "To be a small town, we are doing fairly well. We have cut our debt by some \$30,000 from what it was four years ago."

He added, "We have bought a new police car and have gotten most of it paid for, and as of last month we voted to purchase a new truck for the street department plus numerous other bills that we have paid off that was already owed."

The council reviewed and approved the SOP (standard operating procedure) for the siren which will be used to warn those participating in outdoor activities of threatening weather and to take cover.

The high tech warning siren was installed by the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency with the assistance of the Elba Electrical Department. At this time only one siren (located behind The Peoples Bank) has been installed in the town.

In response to Councilmember Linda Gilbert's question if additional sirens were planned, Mayor Lee said, "Probably not. They [EMA] have not said anything about it."

The mayor reported that an agreement had been reached with the remainder of the 106th Congress. Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Sen. Shelby said, "I welcome this opportunity to spend time with area residents. My county-wide meetings provide a unique forum for open dialogue to discuss the important issues currently facing Alabama and our nation."

Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative activities and agenda for the remainder of the 106th Congress.

## Sen. Shelby to address Coffee County residents at county meeting

U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) will be a guest of the Enterprise and Elba Chambers of Commerce at a "Dutch breakfast" on Friday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 a.m. at Cutts Restaurant in Enterprise. To RSVP for the breakfast, contact the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce at 347-0581. Residents are not required to eat in order to attend the meeting.

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Recently, State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer presented the Elba Elementary PTO with a check for \$10,000. This money, along with other funds, will be used for a new playground and fitness course.

The new play area will include the existing playground, a new playground, a fitness course, a ball field, and a track. The track will surround the play area.

The entire student body will have access to the playground daily as a component of the physical education program, multi-handicapped program, and to enhance many aspects of the classroom instructional programs.

P.E. teacher Bill Raborn stated that he plans to use the playground and fitness course to build endurance, strength, and flexibility and to develop an appreciation for physical fitness in his students.

The new playground will be installed late spring or early summer and will be ready for the 2000-2001 school year. The PTO voted to use money raised last year for this much-needed project that will benefit all students at Elba Elementary School.

The PTO Playground Committee thanks all local businesses that have already contributed to this special project. The Elba Elementary PTO is continuing to raise money to fund the playground. Any local business that would be greatly appreciated. To make a donation, contact PTO Treasurer Sabrina Kelley at Elba Elementary at 897-5413. Pictured above (l-r) are: Mickey McCollough, Elba Elementary School principal; Sabrina Kelley, PTO Treasurer & Playground Committee Chairperson; Dawn Austin, PTO President; Rep. Terry Spicer; Tab Weeks, member of Playground Committee; Sen. Jimmy Holley; and several members of the Elba Elementary School Student Council (names were not provided).



**TRAGEDY AVERTED...** Coffee County EMS and emergency personnel were called to the scene of an accident on Highway 87 North just above the Jack Post Office last Wednesday, Feb. 2, shortly after 11 a.m. Upon arriving on the scene, they found a log truck overturned on the roadway with its entire load dumped onto the road and shoulder. The driver of the truck, George E. Folmar, 28, of Kinston was transported to Elba General Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released. It appears Folmar lost control of the truck in a curve which resulted in it turning over on its side. The roadway was blocked for several hours as crews worked to move the truck and logs. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Dale Cobb.

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH Building on Ala. A&M Campus honors Dawson

Dr. Dawson was born and reared in Goshen. He is a former teacher at Mulberry Heights High School in Elba.

Dawson is a World War II veteran and received three battle stars while serving with the Army Air Force. After the war, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Agribusiness education from Alabama A&M College.

Between 1955 and 1963, he operated his own funeral home business in Laverne and Elba, while completing work for his Master's of Education in Agribusiness education from Tuskegee University.

In 1967, he enrolled in Penn State University where he received his Doctorate.

After from his pursuit of higher education and business success, he has dedicated his life to teaching. Since 1953, he has taught science and agriculture at the high school, college and graduate levels. He also served as Associate Dean of Alabama A&M University Cooperative Extension Program. From 1971 to 1993, Dr. Dawson served as chairperson for the Association of Extension Administrators at 1890 Land Grant Colleges and Universities and chairperson for the Alabama

Rural Development Council.

His greater honor was in 1991 when the House of Representatives passed a resolution naming the three-story cooperative extension building on the campus of Alabama A&M University in his honor.

Dr. Dawson has a Bachelor's, Masters, and PhD degree in agriculture. He has 14 years of farm experience and 40 years of professional experience in agriculture. He and his wife, Gloria, live in Huntsville and have one daughter.

St. Valentine's Day mysterious holiday

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Every holiday has its own special meaning and purpose, but Valentine's Day is the day of showing loved ones just how much they are loved and cared for by family and friends.

Through the years, flowers, candy and cards have become symbols of Valentine's Day, but these things are not the reason we celebrate on Feb. 14 each year.

St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, shows traces of both Christian and Roman traditions, but the true story behind the holiday is as mysterious as the saint for which we celebrate.

There are many legends of St. Valentine, and regardless of which story one chooses to accept as true, it is known that February has long been the month of romance. Even today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were killed.

So, what exactly are the stories behind the holiday that fills us with love and emotion?

In one legend, Valentine was a priest in third century Rome who defied Emperor Claudius II by performing secret marriages for young lovers. It is said that Claudius thought young single men made better soldiers than married men; therefore, he outlawed the marriage of young, single men. Valentine knew this was wrong and continued to unite young lovers; however, his actions were discovered, and Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Others stories contend that Valentine was killed for attempting to free Christians from Roman prisons where they were often tortured and beaten.

Yet, another legend, which has certainly increased Valentine's appeal as heroic, sympathetic and

romantic, is the one of his own love. This story contends that Valentine, himself, actually sent the first "valentine" card. While in prison, Valentine met a young girl and fell in love with her. It appears that this young girl, who visited Valentine during his confinement, may have been the daughter of a jailor. In the end, Valentine's death was inevitable, but before he was put to death, he did manage to write her a letter. It was signed, "From your Valentine."

At this point, it can be argued that Valentine's Day is celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of St. Valentine's death which is estimated to have occurred around 270 A.D., but some may say that the holiday is celebrated in the middle of February because the church wanted to "christianize" the pagan

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## Area Happenings

**ELBA PAGEANTS' MEETING.** A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10, (TODAY) at 6 p.m. for all girls interested in Future Little Miss Elba (Age 4 - Kindergarten); Little Miss Elba (1st Grade); Jr. Miss Elba (7th Grade - Age 16); and Miss Elba (Age 17 - 21). This year, the pageant is also open to girls who attend Zion Chapel Schools. The meeting will be held at the Elba City Library. This event is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

**PEANUT PRODUCERS' MEETING.** The Alabama Peanut Producers Association will hold its 42nd Annual meeting Friday, Feb. 11, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a program that will begin promptly at 10 a.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon.

**FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM.** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a sign-up for the Forestry Incentives Program through Feb. 11. There will be approximately \$500,000 available for cost-sharing in Alabama for fiscal year 2000. In Coffee County, the sign-up will be in the NRCS office located at the USDA Service Center (located in the County Complex) in New Brockton.

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

**RETIRED TEACHERS & SUPPORT PERSONNEL MEET.** The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise at 11 a.m. The meeting's program will be on Consumer Issues with Dr. Rick McBride, ARTA executive secretary, speaking. It will be a Dutch treat meal.

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